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SUBJECT: UAEG and Iraq ferry operator submit
letters to Sanctions Committee

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1.(U) Classified by Charge Thomas E. Williams

for reasons 1.5 (B) and (D).

2.(C) UK DCM contacted Charge 2/8 to inquire into USG representations to the UAE on the issue of the Iraq ferries. The UK diplomat noted that the UAEG was claiming in New York to have the support of the U.S. Embassy for the establishment of a U.N.-approved cargo inspection facility in Dubai. Charge noted that our consistent position is that the ferries are not authorized to carry cargo, only passengers. The UK Consul-General in Dubai subsequently provided CG Dubai with texts of letters from the UAE's U.N. mission in New York to the 661 Committee (the latest dated 1/31) alleging -- based on a letter from UAE ferry operator Naif Marine Services -- that an "agreement" has been reached between Naif and "the MIF (Marine (sic) Interdiction Force) and the United States Embassy in Abu Dhabi" to allow inspection of cargo at Port Rashid by "an independent representative reporting to the 661 Committee."

13. (C) This representation by Naif Marine Services, repeated by the UAE mission, is simply incorrect. The idea of establishing a U.N. inspection facility at Port Rashid is an old one, which has been consistently rebuffed because the ferries are not authorized by the U.N. to carry cargo -- legitimate, inspected, or otherwise. This clear message was most recently delivered by the Ambassador directly to Dubai's de facto ruler, Shaykh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum (MBR) in January (see reftel). We believe Naif is deliberately seeking to misrepresent our position now because without the cargo, its operations will be unprofitable. In recent low-level, operational discussions with Naif personnel, Mission staff and, we understand, MIF personnel, have been asked to comment on various proposals to work around the cargo restriction, but our response has been consistent: current permission exists for passengers and their personal effects only; any change to that status would need to be decided by the UNSC.

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